



## *The Old Ironsides Report*

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### 1AD Units Modify MOUT Training to Suit the Situation

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Military operations in urban terrain, or MOUT, as the acronym-happy Army calls it, has received an increasing share of official attention since the mission to Somalia in the early 1990s.

Yet although more Army units are spending time on such training, the urban missions many Army units are undertaking in Iraq — patrols, raids, manning checkpoints — are different from the combat focus of those exercises.

The “MOUT villages” that are increasingly found on Army posts and in places such as the joint training center at Fort Polk, La., are almost always built using Western-style architecture and layouts.

And as in Iraq, civilians are not merely an occasional presence, as urban terrain training often depicts civilians. Instead, interactions with civilians often comprise the entire mission.

Because the Army gives its unit leaders wide latitude to execute missions as they see fit, units in Iraq are handling their urban terrain operations in different ways.

Some units follow official doctrine almost to the letter.

But others, such as the 1st Armored Division's 2-37th Armor Scout Platoon, based in Friedberg, Germany, are developing modifications based on their experiences here, both good and bad.

The “Iron Dukes” platoon quickly discovered the differences between its training and its actual situation in Iraq.

“We learned [urban operations] for a high-intensity conflict situation,” said Staff Sgt. Keith Norris, one of the scout's noncommissioned officers. “Here, you obviously can't go in and toss a hand grenade into every room.”

Some of the modifications that Iron Dukes platoon leader Lt. Lucas Hale from Pendleton, Ind., and his scouts are developing are minor; others almost revolutionary.

When Hale took command of the platoon in Germany last August, the scouts knew they would probably go to war.

“We figured, that close to the conflict, that we'd be going,” Hale said.

Urban terrain operations, however, are not traditionally part of the scouts' mission. “We're the guys who sneak behind enemy lines and dig holes and sit and watch for hours and hours and then sneak back,” Norris said.

But Hale decided to add the urban terrain training to the long list of predeployment activities, and he tapped Norris to lead the other NCOs in teaching it.

With Army experts and pundits widely predicting that the battle for Baghdad would be the largest urban firefight since World War II, “all our MOUT training was combat-related,” Hale said.

When the scouts got to Baghdad in May, where they were attached to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, major combat was over. Instead of reconnaissance and scoutlike

duties, the “Iron Dukes” found themselves with a new mission: peacekeeping.

Their missions here include escort duty, patrols and, occasionally, raids on suspected arms dealers, former Baath regime officials and other troublemakers.

The scouts' first inkling that their urban terrain training might need some modifications occurred during their first major raid, in July.

The target was a high-ranking officer with Saddam Hussein's commandos, or Fedayeen.

“We were told [it] would be dynamic-entry, or what you would call ‘kick in the door,’” Norris said.

But before the mission, officials in the task force changed their minds about the initial level of force. Instead, the scouts were told to conduct the raid in a manner that would minimize the possibility of a firefight, Norris said.

“So the LT [Hale] came up with what he calls ‘the yackety-yak’ thing,” which involves giving everyone in the target house a five-minute warning to come out peacefully, Norris said.

The idea, Hale said, is to separate as many innocent civilians from dangerous targets as possible. At the end of those five minutes, “the only people we'll find left in the house are threats,” Hale said.

The drawback, Hale said, “is that we lose surprise, and surprise is one of the things that will increase your chances of success and survival.”

When Norris first learned of Hale's “five-minute” plan, “it scared the [heck] out of me,” he said. “But it probably kept me from getting shot.”

The first thing the scouts saw as they went in the front door was a sleeping pallet for four people, lying against the wall and next to the door they had originally planned to breach with high explosives.

And resting on that pallet, in plain sight, was a loaded 9 mm pistol.

If the soldiers had blown the front door, one of two things might have happened, Norris believes: sleeping civilians would have been killed or wounded; or a survivor would have had time to pick up the weapon and shoot the first man in the door.

Architecture aside, there is another enormous difference between MOUT training and Iraq for the scouts: the hordes of Iraqis, both observers and participants, who are part of every operation.

Normal MOUT training teaches soldiers “to always assume civilians will be ‘present on the battlefield,’” Norris said. “But in this case, you have to assume that almost everybody is a civilian.”

It hasn't been an easy adjustment for the scouts.

“Our mentality as soldiers is combat,” Hale said. “We don't deal with civilians well as a whole. But in Iraq, you have to understand that 99 percent of the people [we encounter] are simple people who just want to get on with their lives. Most of them are innocent.”

## NEWS

**Schwarzenegger, Huffington File for Race**  
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Election offices opened around the state Saturday for candidates facing an evening filing deadline in the campaign to succeed Gov. Gray Davis if voters decide to recall him on Oct. 7. A grinning Arnold Schwarzenegger arrived with his wife, Maria Shriver, to the shrieks of onlookers at the Los Angeles County recorder's office in Norwalk. He signed autographs as he made his way inside to file papers.

**Bush Says Iraq Mission Vital to Security**  
CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - President Bush was rewarding top fund-raisers with a private barbecue down the road from his ranch Saturday, while keeping his public focus on Iraq and what he said was steady progress there. The Bush re-election campaign was shuttling in about 350 people who had each helped collect \$50,000 for the 2004 campaign by June 30. They were getting personal attention from Bush and Karl Rove, his top political adviser, at the nearby Hickey Broken Spoke Ranch.

**Arafat Criticizes Deadly Israeli Raid**  
JERUSALEM (AP) - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat reacted angrily Saturday to an Israeli raid in the West Bank that killed three Palestinians, saying the violence threatens the peace process. Two of those killed in Friday's raid on a bomb lab by Israeli troops were members of the Islamic militant group Hamas. An Israeli soldier also was killed.

### *A Smart Tip From 1AD Safety*

#### **Why Investigate and Report Accidents**

- Preserve Combat Power
  - Equipment deficiencies
  - Training deficiencies
- Determine trends / scope of problems
- Provide commanders with a complete picture of unit readiness / costs associated with accidents
- It's the law/required by OSHA/Army Regulations

## SPORTS

**Raiders Run Down Rams 7-6 in Opener**  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -- Kurt Warner can spread the warning to the rest of the NFL's quarterbacks: Charles Woodson is healthy and hungry again. Woodson intercepted Warner on the Rams' first series, and Madre Hill rushed for 63 yards and a score as the Oakland Raiders beat St. Louis 7-6 Friday night in both teams' colorless exhibition opener. Woodson missed the Pro Bowl last winter for the first time in his five NFL seasons after injuring his shoulder, leg and groin. The injuries reduced him to a shadow of his Heisman Trophy-winning self, keeping him out of eight regular season games and forcing him to play at half-strength in the playoffs. On St. Louis' opening drive, Warner missed his target - and Woodson alertly changed his coverage to pick off the pass, returning it 15 yards. "It felt good," Woodson said of his first game this summer. "It's the time of the season where everybody is ready for football. Any time you get a chance to get your hands on the ball, it feels good, so hopefully I'll get a bunch of those this year."

### **Baylor Basketball Coach Bliss Resigns**

WACO, Texas (AP) -- Baylor basketball coach Dave Bliss' decision to resign, just a day after the funeral of player Patrick Dennehy, came as a university investigation revealed major violations by the program. Athletic director Tom Stanton was also resigning, and the school put its basketball program on at least two years' probation, Baylor president Robert Sloan said after Bliss' brief resignation announcement Friday. Sloan said the school's investigation committee had uncovered major violations regarding players getting paid and improper drug testing. As a self-imposed punishment, he said, the program will not participate in any postseason tournaments next season, including the Big 12 tournament, and offered to allow any player to transfer. Baylor will also report the violations to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "Additional sanctions may be imposed as the investigation continues," he said. The NCAA put Baylor on five-year probation in 1994 after an investigation found that coaches were illegally doing correspondence work for players. An FBI inquiry resulted in mail and wire fraud convictions against three assistant coaches. Former head coach Darrel Johnson was fired. In 1986, the Baylor basketball team was slapped with a two-year probation after the NCAA said it provided cash, transportation and other illegal benefits to players. A player secretly recorded a conversation in which former head coach Jim Haller agreed to give him \$172 for a car payment.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Howard Stern Settles 'Are You Hot?' Suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Howard Stern has settled a lawsuit against the producers of the television series "Are You Hot? The Search for America's Sexiest People," which he claimed was based on an idea stolen from his radio show. The two-page dismissal notice on the suit was filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court. Terms were not disclosed. Stern sued ABC and Telepictures Productions in March, claiming "Are You Hot?" was derived from a segment on his syndicated radio show called "The Evaluators." In the segment, Stern and three panelists comment frankly on contestants' physical attributes, rating them on their worthiness to appear in various men's magazines. In the television show, contestants had their looks evaluated by three panelists. Stern claimed in his suit that he lost a deal with another broadcast outlet after "Are You Hot?" began airing in February.

### 50 Cent Tops Billboard R&B-Hip-Hop Awards

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) -- 50 Cent won four awards Friday night at the Billboard R&B-Hip-Hop Awards, including top artist, while his mentor Eminem took home three honors, including top album. 50 Cent was honored as top artist, male artist, new artist and singles artist. Eminem won top album and rap album for "The Eminem Show," plus albums artist. R. Kelly's single "Ignition" won top single and singles sales. Aaliyah, who died in a Bahamas plane crash in two years ago, won the female artist award. She was nominated for five awards last year but was not among the winners.

### Grammy-Winner Jones to Organize Concert

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Grammy-winning musician-producer-arranger Quincy Jones, who has boosted the careers of dozens of musicians, will help organize a "Legends of Los Angeles Pop" concert, to be held downtown with the new Disney Concert Hall as a backdrop. The concert will include a range of music, City Councilwoman Jan Perry said in announcing Jones' involvement this week. The city hopes 30,000 people will attend. Large-scale New Year's Eve parties in the sprawling city have fizzled in the past, and Perry said officials are hoping to turn that around with the high-profile concert.

## Oddly Enough:

### Viking Models Strut Catwalk in Denmark

LEJRE, Denmark (AP) -- It wasn't quite haute couture and the models weren't exactly Givenchy. But the clothes were chic, or at least fashionable in their time - thousands of years ago. Models in hides, wool and coarse linen strutted the Viking catwalk, showing off the "latest" in prehistoric and medieval fashion at an outdoor museum near this small town, 25 miles west of the capital, Copenhagen. The designs of ancient Scandinavia were recreated from pieces of fabric excavated from archaeological sites. One model, 20-year-old Galit Peleg wore a tight woolen blouse and skirt of strings from the Bronze Age, some 3,000 years ago, probably used only on ceremonial occasions. "It's very tight-fitting and warm, and not very practical," she said. "But the skirt makes you want to dance."



*"Just look at you! How many ex-dictators can still fit into their dictator suits?"*

### On This Day In History: August 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

The struggle for Missouri erupts with the Battle of Wilson's Creek, where a motley band of raw Confederates defeat a Union force in the southwestern section of the state. Union General Nathaniel Lyon, who commanded a Union force of 6,400 soldiers near Springfield, Missouri, was up against two Rebel forces commanded by Generals Sterling Price and Ben McCulloch. Although the Confederates were poorly equipped and trained at this early stage of the war, Price and McCulloch had a combined force nearly twice the size of Lyon's. But the impetuous Union commander did not want to cede the region without a fight, and so he planned an attack on August 10.

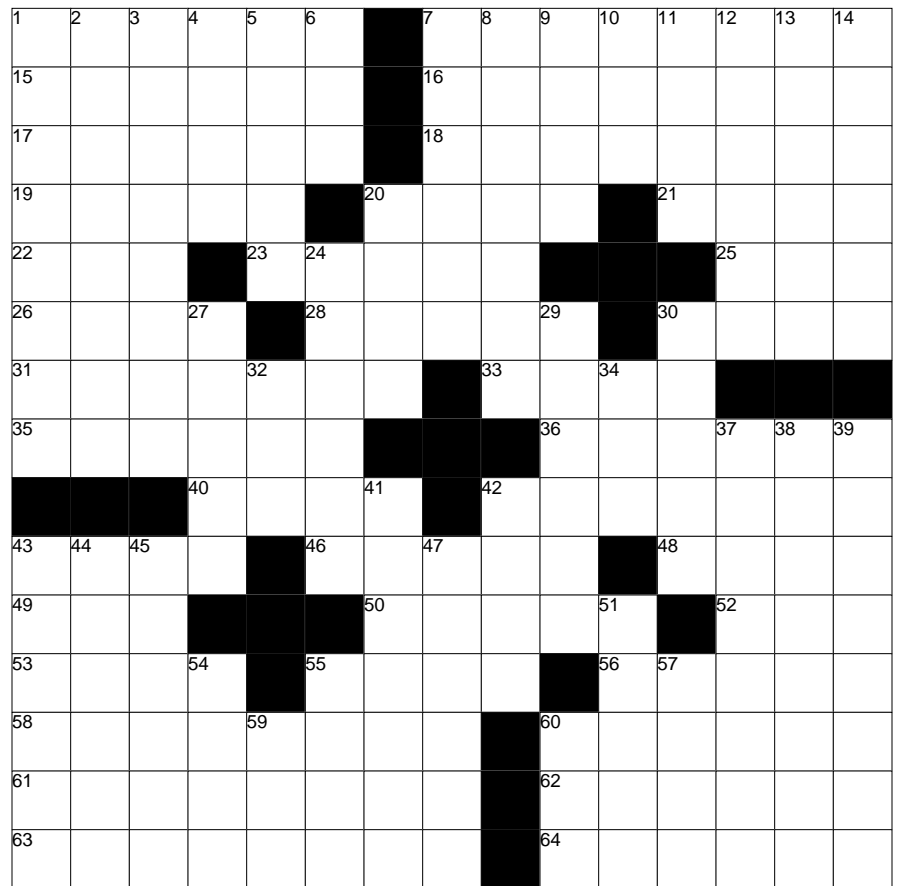
**New Sunday Crossword, answers in  
Wednesday edition!!!**

## Across

- 1 Some funds
- 7 Slow and careful
- 15 1933 headline
- 16 Soothing substance
- 17 Tour-book listing
- 18 Swell
- 19 Take on
- 20 "Addie \_\_\_" ("Paper Moon" source)
- 21 Spoon partner
- 22 Impersonated
- 23 Art exhibition
- 25 Bull Run victor
- 26 Sinker material
- 28 Salami type
- 30 Opera role originated by Anne Brown
- 31 "Great Expectations" character
- 33 Mideast money
- 35 Treeless plain
- 36 Celtic soothsayers
- 40 Bygone despot
- 42 Hardly used
- 43 Cantata master
- 46 Vine product
- 48 Costa \_\_\_
- 49 Aussie beast
- 50 Piquant
- 52 Playground pursuit
- 53 Boat's wake
- 55 Eight bits
- 56 Gasket
- 58 Swift runner
- 60 Think
- 61 Thinks a lot of
- 62 Tall player
- 63 Light source
- 64 Council members

## Down

- 1 Foot-powered devices
- 2 Most prepared
- 3 Current
- 4 Flow slowly



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- 5 Fruit products
- 6 Underhanded
- 7 Dignified woman
- 8 "Broadway Melody of 1940" name
- 9 Whig opponent
- 10 "And I Love \_\_\_"
- 11 Livy contemporary
- 12 Dirty
- 13 Signs of spring
- 14 Hoards
- 20 Hearing remark
- 24 Shining
- 27 Sub concern
- 29 Moving forward
- 30 Not as up
- 32 Records
- 34 Indy prize
- 37 Kick off
- 38 Crystal piece
- 39 Struts
- 41 Keys in again
- 42 "The Last Emperor" star
- 43 Lament
- 44 Mr. Spock's mother
- 45 Traditional exercise
- 47 State-of-the-art
- 51 Echo source, maybe
- 54 Tide over
- 55 Incompetent sort
- 57 Split
- 59 Guff
- 60 Water cooler